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1. NO SIGNIFICANT AGRICULTURAL ENERGY SITUATION CHANGE
SINCE LAST BE-WEEKLY (REFTEL B), 74 ECON FORECAST (REFTEL C).

2. STATEMENT OF PROFESSOR HERB LAPP, DEPT AG ENGINEERING,
UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA, JANUARY 26, TO ENGINEERING CON-
FERENCE SEES ENERGY CRISIS MAJOR THREAT TO FUTURE AGRI-
CULTURE. WHILE LAPP DIDN'T SEE IMMEDIATE FUEL SHORTAGE
AS PROBLEM IN AGRICULTURE HE FORESEES SHORTAGES IN YEARS
AHEAD AS FOSSIL FUEL RESOURCES DIMINISH. HE STATED INITIAL
EFFECT ON CANANADIAN AGRICULTURE WOULD BE REFLECTED IN
INCREASED FUEL COSTS AND PRODUCTION COSTS. HE URGED CLOSER
EXAMINATION OF ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES AVAILABLE TO AGRI-
CULTURE FROM ANIMAL WASTES (DISCUSSING IN SOME DETAIL
CURRENT UNIVERSITY RESEARCH) AND FROM NATURAL GAS;

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SYNTHETIC FUELS FROM COAL; SYNTHETIC FUEL FROM ORGANIC

MATTER (BIOMASS); SOLAR, WIND, HYDRO, AND TIDAL POWER;
GEOTHERMAL ENERGY AND ATOMIC ENERGY. HE CONCLUDED
QUOTE PROBLEM OF ENERGY CRISIS IS REAL, IN
YEARS AHEAD WE MUST PRACTICE CONSERVATION OF FOSSIL
FUELS AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. TIME IS STILL AVAILABLE
TO SEEK ALTERNATE SOURCES TO SUSTAIN OUR STANDARD OF
LIVING AND LIFE STYLE UNQUOTE.

3. NEWS ARTICLES FOLLOW IN AIRGRAM.
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